

Commission, 1333 H Street NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001, on or before December 8, 1999. Intended participants should indicate whether they request formal intervention or limited participator status. See 39 CFR 3001.20 and 3001.20a.

With regard to the Postal Service request to establish Mailing Online service as an experimental mail classification, rule 67(c) provides that the Commission will entertain representations by participants that the proposal should not be considered as an experiment, and should follow the normal mail classification change procedures. Any participant intending to make such a representation shall do so by pleading no later than December 8, 1999.

In addition, rule 67a(b) requires parties to proceedings in which the Postal Service seeks a classification change it denominates as experimental in character to file statements of the issues they perceive in the case at the earliest possible time following the filing of the Postal Service request, or following a determination that the proposed change is experimental in character. In view of the Postal Service motion for expeditious consideration of its proposal, participants' statements of issues shall also be due no later than December 16, 1999.

A prehearing conference will be held in this proceeding on Monday, December 13, 1999, at 2 p.m. in the Commission's hearing room. Participants should be prepared to discuss what formal procedures, including hearings, may be necessary and appropriate in this docket. In addressing the issue of appropriate procedures in this docket, participants should also be prepared to address the potentially different procedural requirements presented by the Postal Service's proposal and its request for establishment of Mailing Online as an experimental service. If the Commission determines that formal hearings to resolve genuine issues of material fact are required, the presiding officer will establish subsequent procedural dates.

Representation of the General Public

In conformance with 39 U.S.C. 3624(a), the Commission designates Ted P. Gerarden, director of the Commission's Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding. Pursuant to this designation, Mr. Gerarden will direct the activities of Commission personnel assigned to assist him and, when requested, will supply their names for the record. Neither Mr. Gerarden nor

any of the assigned personnel will participate in or provide advice on any Commission decision in this proceeding. The OCA shall be separately served with three copies of all filings, in addition to and contemporaneous with, service on the Commission of the 24 copies required by rule 10(c). 39 CFR 3001.10(c).

Ordering Paragraphs

Paragraph no. 1 states that the Commission will sit en banc in this proceeding. Paragraph no. 2 directs that notices of intervention shall be filed no later than December 8, 1999. Paragraph no. 3 directs that statements of issues presented by the Postal Service's request in this docket to establish a Mailing Online experimental mail classification in conformance with 39 CFR 3001.67a(b) shall be filed no later than December 16, 1999. Paragraph no. 4 directs that statements by parties asserting that the proposal should not be considered as an experiment and should follow the normal mail classification change procedures in conformance with 39 CFR 3001.67(c) shall be filed no later than December 8, 1999. Paragraph no. 5 directs that answers to the Postal Service's motion for expedition and for waiver of certain provisions of rule 161 and certain provisions of rule 64(h) are to be submitted no later than December 8, 1999. Paragraph no. 6 directs that answers to the Postal Service's motion for designation of testimony and cross-examination from a previous docket (MC98-1) as evidence in Commission docket no. MC2000-2 are to be submitted no later than December 16, 1999. Paragraph no. 7 directs the Postal Service shall provide, within 10 days, responses to any written discovery requests submitted to it before December 13, 1999. Paragraph no. 8 designates Ted P. Gerarden, director of the Commission's OCA, to represent the general public. Paragraph no. 9 schedules a prehearing conference in this docket on December 13, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission's hearing room. Paragraph no. 10 directs the Secretary to cause this notice and order to be published in the **Federal Register**.

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Dated: November 19, 1999.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,

Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

(1) *Collection title:* Request to Non-Railroad Employer for Information About Annuitant's Work and Earnings.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* RL-231-F.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0107.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 3/31/2000.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 300.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 300.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 150.

(10) *Collection description:* Under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) benefits are not payable if an annuitant works for an employer covered under the RRA or last non-railroad employer. The collection obtains information regarding an annuitant's work and earnings from a non-railroad employer. The information will be used for determining whether benefits should be withheld.

Additional Information or Comments

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laurie Schack (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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